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FACT SHEET

POLICE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND SECURITY LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED TO INCREASE SAFETY IN SOUTH MISSION BEACH

City responds to community safety concerns following series of sexual assaults

In direct response to the sexual assaults that occurred last October in the South Mission Beach neighborhood near Belmont Park, Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilmember Kevin Faulconer today praised a public-private crime prevention partnership that will add increased security lighting and video surveillance cameras to the area.

The cameras will be monitored by Police in the City's Northern Division Area Station, giving them around-the-clock surveillance of Belmont Park and the surrounding parking areas, one of the city's busiest beach-area parks. The security street lights will be installed in both the Belmont Park area and on El Carmel Place.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Number of cameras to be installed: 5

Area to be served: Belmont Park and the surrounding parking areas.

Cameras to be monitored by: San Diego Police Department Northern Division Area Station.

Cost of the security system: \$88,483

Funding: \$45,000 in Proposition 40 state park bond funds; \$43,483 in private donations to be administered by the San Diego Police Foundation.

Purpose of the cameras: Deter crime; provide faster police response times; create a video record of incidents and crimes in the region to help solve crimes and strategize for future crime prevention efforts.

SECURITY LIGHTS

Number of lights to be installed: 7 (both new and upgraded)

Areas to be served: Belmont Park and the surrounding parking lots; El Carmel Place.

Cost of the project: \$85,000

Funding: \$75,000 Proposition 40 park bond funds; \$10,000 Park and Recreation Grant Match Funding